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Chief of Naval Education and Training Technical Training Excellence Award

PENSACOLA, Fla.-- The Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) recently announced this year's recipients of its Technical Training Excellence Award. The winners of this coveted prize were chosen from the 169 training commands that report to CNET. To qualify for the CNET Technical Training Excellence Award, commands were required to demonstrate their innovative and efficient use of training resources to enhance training, productivity, and pipeline administration. An Awards Board, which convenes yearly, reviewed the nominations and evaluated each command in three areas: training effectiveness, resource management, and administration.

Each command's training effectiveness was evaluated for its achievement in management of instructional programs to include curriculum development and review, course and instructor utilization, pipeline management, and how well it utilized training program data to ensure the fleet is provided with the most highly qualified Sailors. Resource management was evaluated through the command's efficient resource use to include unaccompanied personnel housing, energy conservation, training availability, budget utilization, and facility upkeep. Lastly, the administration category for each command was assessed by its ability to support the training mission through personnel, materials, general administrative duties, and managerial directives that ensure quantity and quality support for mission success.

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According to senior board member, Cmdr. Brian Looney, the most difficult task for the board was finding a way of breaking out the top commands. In addition to reviewing each nomination package, the Board used every source of information available in CNET including training reports, statistical data, Mission Capability Assessment (MCA) information, as well as any data source that would provide a basis for comparing the commands' achievements. According to Looney, "We were looking for commands that were performing superbly across the board in all three categories with the resources they were provided. We used every possible means (of evaluation) to feel comfortable in picking the best."

This year the board chose four commands that demonstrated superior performance in all three categories:

- --Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC), Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla.
- --Naval Submarine School (NAVSUBSCOL), Groton, Conn.
- -- Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), Pensacola, Fla.
- --Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center (NMITC), Dam Neck, Va.

Each command receiving the CNET Technical Training Excellence Award will be presented a pennant to display for the year, a plaque, and a letter of commendation from Vice Adm. John W. Craine Jr., Chief of Naval Education and Training.

In the Naval Message issued by Vice Adm. Craine congratulating the winners, he noted the CNET Technical Training Excellence Award selections were very difficult to determine this year. "This (award) is especially noteworthy in view of the many challenges faced by all as a result of manning shortages, regionalization/claimancy consolidation, surge management, and an increase in the need to produce a better-trained Sailor for the fleet."

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Honorable mention awards will also be presented to six commands who demonstrated excellence in two of the three judged categories:

- --Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS), Athens, Ga.
- --Trident Training Facility (TRITRAFAC), Bangor, Wash.
- --Training Squadron Eighty-Six (TRARON EIGHTY-SIX), Pensacola, Fla.
- --Service School Command (SSC), Great Lakes, Ill.
- --Naval Aviation Schools Command (NAVAVSCOLSCOM), Pensacola, Fla.
- --Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center (FLEASWTRACEN), San Diego, Calif.

- --Training Effectiveness and Resource Management
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